

FEE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (AUG 2014): Procurement Services (PS) issues and maintains State term contracts for the benefit of all South Carolina state and local public entities. State term contracts allow all public entities to maximize their purchasing power by aggregating their requirements and to benefit from increased efficiencies in the acquisition process. In order to maintain and enhance the quality and quantity of its State term contracts, each participating public procurement unit will be assessed an administrative fee. Accordingly, a public procurement unit (as defined in S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-4610(5)), by participating in this contract, owes (PS) an administrative services fee ("fee"). Participating public procurement units shall pay the fee to contractor as a part of the contract price. Contractor is responsible both for collecting the fee at the time of billing and for remitting the fee to PS. The fee to be collected by the contractor constitutes a debt by the contractor to PS. The price stated in any offeror's bid or proposal shall include all amounts necessary for contractor to meet this obligation. Contractor shall factor the fee into its contract pricing and shall not separately itemize or invoice for the fee.

SELECT ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FIVE PARAGRAPHS:

[ITMO]:

For each reporting period, Contractor shall pay to PS a fee equal to one (1.0%) percent of the total dollar amount (excluding sales taxes and adjusted for credits or refunds) of purchases made by any public procurement unit from Contractor pursuant to this contract.

[SPO]:

For each reporting period, Contractor shall pay to PS a fee equal to three-quarters (0.75%) percent of the total dollar amount (excluding sales taxes and adjusted for credits or refunds) of purchases made by any public procurement unit from Contractor pursuant to this contract.

[Fuel]:

For each reporting period, Contractor shall pay to PS a fee equal to one and one-half (\$0.015) cents per gallon of gasoline (adjusted for credits or refunds) purchased by any public procurement unit from Contractor pursuant to this contract.

[Cost per Page Copiers]:

For each reporting period, Contractor shall pay to PS a fee equal to nine ten-thousandths (\$0.0009) cents for each copy Contractor billed to any public procurement unit pursuant to this contract.

[Cost per Page Printers]:

For each reporting period, Contractor shall pay to PS a fee equal to nine ten-thousandths (\$0.0009) cents for each page Contractor billed to any public procurement unit pursuant to this contract.

DELETE THE FOUR ABOVE PARAGRAPHS YOU DID NOT SELECT.

(a) As used in this clause, the term "reporting period" means each full calendar quarter (Jan. -- Mar., Apr. -- Jun., Jul. -- Sep., and Oct. -- Dec.) and any remaining periods less than a full calendar quarter during the term of this contract. For each reporting period, contractor shall report to PS its total sales pursuant to this contract for the period and shall remit the fee to the PS Reports Manager. Payment for each reporting period is due no later than the last day of the month immediately following the end of the reporting period (Example: payment for the reporting period ending March 31 is due April 30). If the amount due for a reporting period is less than \$10.00, no payment is required. The procurement officer will provide contractor an information packet, including a

detailed explanation of reporting and payment requirements, within fifteen (15) calendar days following contract award. You may contact the Reports Manager at:

Procurement Services Division
Attn: Reports Manager
1201 Main Street, Suite 600
Columbia, SC 29201
Phone: (803) 737-0600 (ask to speak to the Reports Manager)

(b) Contractor shall submit a usage report for each reporting period, even if no payment is due for the reporting period. The usage report shall include any information requested by PS to verify the amount due. At a minimum, each usage report shall reflect the following information for the applicable reporting period: contractor's name, contract number, contract description, reporting period/quarter, total dollar value of sales (excluding sales taxes and showing any adjustments for credits or refunds), total number of units (if practicable), and the number, date, and amount of contractor's check to PS. Unless otherwise specified by the reports manager, the usage report shall be submitted electronically according to instructions in the information packet. If the reports manager requires the contractor to provide a more detailed usage report, the reports manager will work directly with the contractor to determine the appropriate content and format of the report.

(c) During the term of this contract and for a period of three years thereafter, PS or its authorized representatives shall be afforded access at reasonable times to contractor's records (including, without limitation, bank statements, deposits, checks; invoices; correspondence; ledgers; receipts; transmittals) in order to audit all transactions involving goods sold, work performed, or fees due pursuant to this contract. If the audit indicates that contractor has materially underpaid PS, then contractor shall remit the balance found to be due (including any amounts assessed pursuant to subparagraph (d)) and reimburse PS for all costs of the audit.

(d) Payments of the fee which are due and unpaid by the contractor (including amounts disclosed by audit) shall bear simple interest from the date due until paid unless paid within 30 calendar days of becoming due. The interest rate shall be the highest prime rate (as published in The Wall Street Journal) plus 2% per annum (unless a higher rate is provided by law, but in no event be greater than the maximum interest rate permitted by law), shall be variable, and shall be adjusted effective at the close of business on the day of any change in the prime rate. In addition to the fee and interest, contractor agrees to pay to PS its reasonable expenses of collection, including costs and attorneys' fees (and fees for inside counsel), whether or not PS commences legal action.

(e) If the contractor fails to (i) timely submit accurate usage reports; (ii) remit to PS the fee when due; or (iii) promptly and fully cooperate with an audit request, the State may, without prejudice to any other remedy available to the State, take any one or more of the following actions:

- (1) order the contractor to not accept any further orders under the contract until the cause for such order has been eliminated;
- (2) terminate this contract;
- (3) order the contractor to not accept any further orders under any other statewide term contract;
- (4) terminate the contractor's award of any other statewide term contract.

(f) For purposes of this clause, PS is intended as a third-party beneficiary of this contract.